



3 O' Clock Prayer
The Hour of Great Mercy
Prayers from the diary of
Saint Faustina

You died, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world.

O Fountain of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fountain of mercy for us, I trust in You.

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy on us and on the whole world. (3 times)

JESUS, King of mercy, I trust in You!

Amen.



Prayer for all souls

Prayer of St. Gertrude the great dictated by Our Lady to release 1,000 Souls from Purgatory each time it is said. The prayer was extend to include living sinners which would alleviate the indebtedness accrued to them during their lives.

"Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the Universal Church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen."

St. Gertrude the Great was born in Germany in 1263. She was a Benedictine Nun, and meditated on the Passion of Christ, which many times brought floods of tears to her eyes. She did many penances, and Our Lady appeared to her many times. Her holy Soul passed away in 1334. November 16th is her Feast Day.



Abortion isn't a lesser evil, it's a crime. Taking one life to save another, that's what the Mafia does. It's a crime. It's an absolute evil. **Pope Francis.**

Mission of Jesus



Daily Highlights, Mass Readings, Daily Saints, Prayers...

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Today's Bible Readings

Latin Rite

1st Reading:

1 Tm 1:15-17

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5 and 6-7

Gospel: Lk 6:43-49

Syro-Malabar Rite

1st Reading:

[1 Peter 2:11-19](#)

Gospel:

[Matthew 8:5-13](#)

Syro-Malankara Rite

1st Reading:

[Philippians 1:3-11](#)

Gospel:

[Matthew 23:37-39](#)

Meditation: A Life Built on a Solid Foundation

Why does Jesus set figs and grapes over against thorns and brambles? The fig tree was the favorite of all trees for the people of Palestine. It symbolized fertility, peace, and prosperity. Grapes, likewise, produced wine, the symbol of joy. Thorns and brambles were only good for burning as fuel for the fire. There's a proverbial saying that you know a tree by its fruit. Likewise a person will produce good or bad fruit depending on what is sown in the heart. Charles Read said: "Sow an act and you reap a habit. Sow a habit and you reap a character. Sow a character and you reap a destiny." Character, like fruit, doesn't grow overnight. It takes a lifetime.

A healthy and sound mind produces good fruit. Jesus connects soundness with good fruit. Something is sound when it is free from defect, decay, or disease and is healthy. Good fruit is the result of sound living - living according to moral truth and upright character. The prophet Isaiah warned against the dangers of falsehood: Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness (Isaiah 5:20). The fruits of falsehood produce an easy religion which takes the iron out of religion, the cross out of Christianity, and any teaching which eliminates the hard sayings of Jesus, and which push the judgments of God into the background and makes us think lightly of sin.

How do we avoid falsehood and bad fruit in our lives? By being true - true to God, his word, and the grace and help he gives us so we can turn away from evil and wrongdoing. And that takes character! Those who are true to God know that their strength lies not in themselves but in God who supplies everything we need to live as his disciples. The Lord strengthens us with the fruits and gifts of the Holy Spirit - with faith, hope and love, justice, prudence, fortitude and temperance. And we grow in godly character through exercising the gifts and strength which God supplies. Do you want to bear good fruit in your daily life? Allow the Holy Spirit to train you in godliness and the wisdom to distinguish good fruit from bad fruit (1 Timothy 4:7-8, Hebrews 5:14).

What kind of foundation are you building your life? Jesus told another story about the importance of building on the right foundation to reinforce his lesson about sound living. When Jesus told the story of the builders he likely had the following proverb in mind: When the storm has swept by, the wicked are gone, but the righteous stand firm for ever (Proverbs 10:25). What's the significance of the story for us? The kind of foundation we build our lives upon will determine whether we can survive the storms that are sure to come. Builders usually lay their foundations when the weather and soil conditions are at their best. It takes foresight to know how a foundation will stand up against adverse conditions. Building a house on a flood plain, such as a dry river-bed, is a sure bet for disaster!

Our character is revealed in the choices we make. Jesus prefaced his story with a warning: We may fool other people with our speech and gestures, but God cannot be deceived. He sees the heart as it truly is - with its motives, intentions, desires, and choices (Psalm 139:2). There is only one way in which a person's sincerity can be proved, and that is by one's practice. Fine words can never replace good deeds. Our character is revealed in the choices we make, especially when we are tested. Do you cheat on an exam or on your income taxes, especially when it will cost you? Do you lie, or cover-up, when disclosing the truth will cause you injury or embarrassment? A true person is honest and reliable before God, themselves, and their neighbor. Their word can be counted on. What foundation is your life built upon?

Lord Jesus, you are the sure foundation and source of life and strength for us. Give me wisdom and strength to live according to your truth and to reject every false way. May I be a doer of your word and not a hearer only.

1st Reading: 1 Tm 1:15-17

Beloved: This saying is trustworthy and deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. Of these I am the foremost. But for that reason I was mercifully treated, so that in me, as the foremost,

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Christ Jesus might display all his patience as an example for those who would come to believe in him for everlasting life. To the king of ages, incorruptible, invisible, the only God, honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5 and 6-7

R. (2) Blessed be the name of the Lord for ever.

Praise, you servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD. Blessed be the name of the LORD both now and forever.

R. Blessed be the name of the Lord for ever.

From the rising to the setting of the sun is the name of the LORD to be praised. High above all nations is the LORD; above the heavens is his glory.

R. Blessed be the name of the Lord for ever.

Who is like the LORD, our God, and looks upon the heavens and the earth below? He raises up the lowly from the dust; from the dunghill he lifts up the poor.

R. Blessed be the name of the Lord for ever.

Alleluia

R. Alleluia, alleluia. Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him. R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel: Lk 6:43-49

Jesus said to his disciples: "A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit. For people do not pick figs from thornbushes, nor do they gather grapes from brambles. A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks. "Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' but not do what I command? I will show you what someone is like who comes to me, listens to my words, and acts on them. That one is like a man building a house, who dug deeply and laid the foundation on rock; when the flood came, the river burst against that house but could not shake it because it had been well built. But the one who listens and does not act is like a person who built a house on the ground without a foundation. When the river burst against it, it collapsed at once and was completely destroyed."

Today's Saints



Saint Cyprian of Carthage

Also known as Thaschus Caecilius Cyprianus, Thascius Caecilius Cyprian

Born to wealthy pagan parents. Taught rhetoric and literature. Adult convert in 246, taught the faith by Saint Caecilius of Carthage. Ordained in 247. Bishop of Carthage in 249. During the persecution of Decius, beginning in 250, Cyprian lived in hiding, covertly ministering to his flock; his enemies condemned him for being a coward and not standing up for his faith. As a writer he was second only in importance to Tertullian as a Latin Father of the Church. Friend of Saint Pontius. Involved in the great argument over whether apostates should be readmitted to the Church; Cyprian believed they should, but under stringent conditions. Supported Pope Saint Cornelius against the anti-pope Novatian. During the persecutions of Valerian he was exiled to Curubis in 257, brought back Carthage, and then martyred in 258. His name is in the Communicantes in the Canon of the Mass.

Born: 190 in Carthage, North Africa

Died: beheaded 14 September 258 in Carthage, North Africa

Patronage: Algeria (proclaimed on 6 July 1914 by Pope Pius X), North Africa.



Saint Andrew Kim Taegon

Also known as Andrew Kim, Andreas Kim Tae-Gon, Andeurea Gim Dae-Geon

Born to the Korean nobility; his parents were converts to Christianity, and his father was martyred. Andrew was baptized at age 15, then travelled 1,300 miles to the nearest seminary in Macao, China. While still in seminary, he travelled back to Korea to work in the missions, travelling with Saint Marie-Nicolas-Antoine Daveluy. Ordained in Shanghai on 17 August 1845 by Bishop Jean-Joseph-Jean-Baptiste Ferréol who was en route to Korea as its new Vicar Apostolic. Father Andrew became the first native Korean priest, and the first priest to die for the faith in Korea. Leader of the Martyrs of Korea.

Born: 21 August 1821, Solmoi, Chungcheong-do, South Korea

Died: tortured and beheaded on 16 September 1846 at Saenamteo, Seoul, Korea

Canonized: 6 May 1984 by Pope John Paul II

Patronage: Korean clergy.



Saint Euphemia of Chalcedon

Born to a wealthy, aristocratic, and pious family; the daughter of Philophorm and Theodosia, Christians in a pagan world. Consecrated virgin who used her fortune to aid the poor. Ordered to sacrifice to a statue of Ares, she refused. She was imprisoned and tortured, but repeatedly was miraculously healed. When her example had strengthened her companions and converted all of the pagans who would listen, include Saint Sosthenes and Victor, she died. Martyr.

Born: c.290 at Chalcedon, Asia Minor

Died: tortured, then thrown to wild beasts c.305 at Chalcedon, Asia Minor, interred in Chalcedon, and a church built over her remains, relics were brought to the Council of Chalcedon in 451; many miraculous healings occurred, orthodox Christianity was defended, and the Monophysite heresy suppressed, relics translated to the Saint George Church in the Ecumenical Patriarchate, Constantinople c.620 when Chalcedon was attacked by the Persians, relics thrown into the sea in the late 8th century by iconoclasts, relics recovered by pious sailors and returned to Constantinople in 796, Rovinj, Croatia, claims to have miraculously received at least part of her relics

Patronage: Alba Adriatica, Italy, Rovinj, Croatia.

